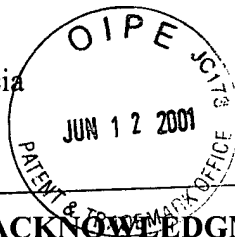


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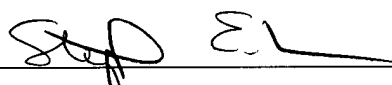
Remarks

By the present communication, the specification has been amended to acknowledge United States Government Support for this invention. Attached hereto as APPENDIX A is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment.

In view of the above amendment, prompt and favorable action on all pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event any matters remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX A: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the specification:**

A paragraph and heading therefor have been added after the title on page 1 of the specification as filed, to insert the following acknowledgment:

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